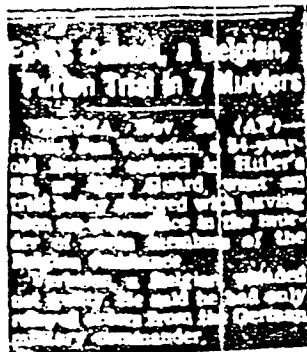


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Ex-SS Colonel, a Belgian,
Put on Trial in 7 Murders

VIENNA, Nov. 29 (AP) - Robert Jan Verbelen, a 54-year-old former colonel in Hitler's SS, or Elite Guard, went on trial today charged with having been an accomplice in the murder of seven members of the Belgian resistance.

Verbelen, a Belgian, pleaded not guilty. He said he had only relayed orders from the German military commander.

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EX-SS MAN CLEARED
IN WAR CRIME TRIAL

VIENNA, Dec. 21, (AP) - Robert Jan Verbelen, a former Nazi SS (Elite Guard) major, was acquitted today of charges of complicity in the slaying of Belgian resistance fighters in World War II.

The chief prosecutor, Peter Kovacs, who described the Belgian-born Austrian as "blinded with hatred" had asked for life imprisonment. Mr. Kovacs immediately appealed the verdict.

Verbelen, now 54 years old, testified that he had led Belgian Nazi commandos in raids on the resistance fighters. But he insisted that he had acted under orders in the shooting of resistance fighters.

